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## STATE LIBRARY BOARD

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## FOUNTAIN INN GIVEN LIBRARY BUILDING

Officials of Beaunit Textiles have announced that the firm will donate a \$20,000 - \$25,000 library building to Fountain Inn. W. L. Cooper, manager of the Fountain Inn Beaunit plant, said it is being given by Beaunit "in an effort to enrich the lives of the people of Fountain Inn."

Credit for obtaining this generous donation goes to the newly-formed Fountain Inn Friends of the Library. Mrs. Max Karelitz, president of the Friends group, asked Mr. Irwin S. Meltzer, president of Beaunit, for a contribution toward the building fund. Beaunit's building of the library is the result of Mrs. Karelitz's request.

Mr. Cooper will design the building and supervise its construction. The site of the facility has not been established, but it is expected to be located close to the downtown section. The structure, a one-story, air-conditioned building of contemporary brick design, is expected to cover between 2,000 and 2,500 square feet. Construction is to begin by January 1 and to be completed by the middle of May 1965. It will be dedicated and named by Mr. Meltzer.

The library will be a branch of the Greenville County Library system, which will provide books, book stacks, furnishings and a library staff.

This is the second branch building donated to the Greenville County Library. The Langdon Chevis Memorial Branch at Mauldin was a joint contribution of the Daniels Construction Company and Arthur Magill, President, Her Majesty.



### CONFERENCE SPEAKERS NAMED

Governor Donald S. Russell, Mrs. Weldon Lynch, and Mr. Charles E. Reid will be among the speakers who will address the Governor's Conference on Public Libraries to be held on April 28, 1965. The name of the keynote speaker has not been announced pending confirmation of acceptance.

Governor Russell will open the conference with an address on "Public Libraries - An Asset to the Modern State." Mr. Reid, president of the American Library Trustee Association and a library trustee of Piramus, New Jersey, will emphasize the role of trustees; while Mrs. Lynch, a library trustee from Oakdale, Louisiana, and past president of the American Library Trustee Association, will stress the need of citizen support of libraries.

"Good Libraries -- A Necessity, Not a Luxury" was selected as the conference theme at the November meeting of the steering committee. Plans were also announced for a tea to be given by Mrs. Russell following the conference. Arrangements are being made by the National Library Week Committee, headed by Mrs. Beverly Ulmer.

### CONGRESSIONAL LUNCHEON AT MIDWINTERS

A Luncheon honoring members of Congress is planned for January 28, 1965 during the midwinter meeting of the American Library Association.

The luncheon will be held at the Regency Room of the Shoreham Hotel. Each table for 12 will be marked by the name of the state reserving the table. As many ALA attendees as wish may purchase tickets provided each table includes one or more members of Congress.

Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, ALA Councilor of the South Carolina Library Association, is in charge of South Carolina's reservation and purchase of tickets. Mrs. Thompson is Librarian of the Florence Public Library.

### KENNEDY MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

E. Fritz Hollings, former governor of South Carolina is chairman of the S. C. Committee to raise funds for the Kennedy Memorial Library to be built at Cambridge, Massachusetts. The library will house the late President John F. Kennedy's papers and records and will serve as an institute for scholars and researchers.

Librarians are urged to participate in this project which will contribute to the preservation of a vital part of world history. An exhibit in the library and announcement in the local newspaper can call attention to the drive. A box for contributions could be part of the exhibit.

Donations should be sent to Kennedy Library Fund, Box J. F. K., Charleston, S.C.



## REFERENCE WORKSHOP HELD AT FLORENCE COUNTY LIBRARY

Thirty-three pre-professional librarians and library assistants from the Pee Dee area of South Carolina attended a one-day reference workshop on November 6 at the Florence County Library in Florence, S. C. Conducted by Charles H. Busha, Reference Consultant, and Helen Jordan, Professional Library Assistant, the workshop was sponsored by the S. C. State Library Board.

Designed to improve the quality of reference service in libraries of the Pee Dee area, the workshop was tailored to the needs of pre-professional library staff members who are actively engaged in reference work. Five periods of instruction and practical exercises were provided in which the public library's role in providing reference service to the community, bibliographical control of materials, and the use of such reference tools and materials as indexes, encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, yearbooks, almanacs, directories and pamphlets were discussed. Librarians who attended were given an opportunity to make practical use of the tools discussed through problems presented by the instructors.

Represented at the workshop were the following libraries: Darlington Public Library, Darlington County Library, Dillon County Library, Florence County Library, Hartsville Memorial Library, Horry County Library, Lee County Library, Marion Public Library, Marlboro County Public Library, and Sumter County Library.

As a part of the State Library Board's program of aiding public libraries in improving the quality of reference service offered to the public, additional workshops of this nature are planned for other areas of South Carolina.

## RQ NOTES SLB BIBLIOGRAPHY

In the November 1964 issue, RQ, the publication of the Reference Services Division of the American Library Association, quotes the introduction of the bibliography, Business, Technical and Scientific Books, issued by the S. C. State Library Board. Titles included in the bibliography were selected by Charles H. Busha, reference consultant, to acquaint business and industry with the various types of information available through the interlibrary loan service of the State Library Board.

## SLB SCHOLARSHIPS

The State Library Board will offer five \$2500 scholarships for graduate study in library science again in 1965. Scholarships are awarded to college graduates having a liberal arts background and an academic record meeting the requirements for admission to library school. Applicants must have three months experience in a public library and must agree to accept employment for at least two years in a public library of South Carolina following graduation.



Each Scholarship recipient is sponsored by a public library which guarantees employment in a professional position. Beginning salaries for scholarship graduates have been increased from \$4500 to \$5040 in accordance with provisions of the recently adopted S. C. Standards for Public Libraries. Sponsoring libraries receive a grant from the State Library Board to provide a part of the graduate's salary for two years. The grant is for \$2000 the first year and \$1500 the second year.

Previous graduates of the scholarship program include Myra Armistead, Reference Librarian, Greenville County Library; Sara Henry, Children's Librarian, Greenville County Library; Gloria Lindler, Assistant Librarian, Lexington County Library; Mrs. May Pourciau, Extension Librarian, Florence County Library; Ray Peppers, Librarian, Beaufort County Library; Helen Jordan, Assistant, S. C. State Library Board; Margie Herron, Extension Librarian, ABBE Regional Library; and Mrs. Lila Morley, Librarian, Colleton County Library. Four other scholarship recipients are now attending library schools.

#### FLORENCE SCHOLARSHIP A MEMORIAL

The Florence County Library will sponsor a State Library Board scholarship applicant and is awarding the scholarship in memory of Mrs. Mandeville Rogers, a former member of the board.

#### SLB MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD

The American Association for State and Local History has conferred an Award of Merit upon Mrs. Mary C. Simms Oliphant, a member of the State Library Board from Greenville. The award is a special citation to persons, groups or organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the study or understanding of local history.

The citation for Mrs. Oliphant reads: "Worthy granddaughter of eminent grandsire, she learned South Carolina state and local history from her elders, encouraged her contemporaries to cherish it, and taught succeeding generations of children to love and understand it."

#### TAX ON PERIODICALS

A consultation with officials of the Tax Commission, reveals that the periodicals project 1964-65 will be subject to the 3 percent sales tax.

#### LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY REPORTS

Beginning in January 1965 the State Library Board is subscribing to Library Technology Reports, an information service for the library administration. This bi-monthly publication will evaluate library equipment, supplies, and systems. It will help librarians save money and time and avoid costly mistakes in the purchase of equipment and supplies.

Libraries considering purchase of new equipment and supplies are urged to communicate with the State Library Board where the reports will be checked for an evaluation of such items.



## SLB INTERLIBRARY LOAN GOES INTERNATIONAL

The State Library Board has received and filled an interlibrary loan request from the National Central Library in London. The request was for McCrady: History of South Carolina in the Revolution.

The National Central Library is headquarters for a national interlibrary system which links public, university, and institutional libraries.

## SECOND ORDER OF LIBRARY SIGNS TO BE PLACED

A second order of standard library identification signs will be placed in January for those libraries which did not receive signs during the summer. These are made available to all public libraries in the state by the State Library Board. Used by headquarters libraries and branches, the signs will not only be helpful to library patrons, but will call the attention of tourists to the extensive public library development in South Carolina. Applications for the signs will be received by the State Library Board through December 31. Please address all inquiries to Norma L. Lightsey, Field Service Librarian.

## SLB DIRECTOR ADDRESSES CAYCE CLUB

Estellene P. Walker, Director of the State Library Board was guest speaker at the November meeting of the Cayce Woman's Club. Miss Walker traced the development of South Carolina libraries from the first public library established in Charleston before the Revolution up to the present time.

## REGIONAL LIBRARY PROPOSED

Definite proposals for a regional public library, of which an Abbeville County Library system could be a member, were presented to the Library Study Committee for Abbeville County at a meeting in the county courthouse November 24.

The presentation was made by Miss Estellene P. Walker, Director, and Miss Betty E. Callaham, Adult Consultant, of the South Carolina State Library Board.

Senator A. B. Carwile presided at the session, attended by Representative Charles L. Powell and nine other members of the 12-member committee appointed at the initial session last fall.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Fletcher W. Ferguson was elected chairman of the study committee which will now proceed to make evaluations of existing facilities and revenue and determine how such can fit in with the demonstration program for a new regional library. Mrs. John G. Hughes was named committee secretary.

Miss Walker outlined the things each county in a proposed regional set-up would have to provide. These include an act of the General Assembly, establishing a unified county library system, and tax income from local sources of not less than 60¢ per capita.



## INFORMATION WANTED!

A county librarian in the state is interested in developing a program of library service to the homebound, especially for those in urban areas. She would like to know what other libraries are doing in this area. If any of you offer service to shut-ins, please send a description of the service to the State Library Board, attention Miss Callahan. The information will be forwarded to the librarian requesting it.

## READING FOR AN AGE OF CHANGE

Two new authors have been selected for the continuing "Reading for an Age of Change" series of reading guides being published by the American Library Association. George Freedley, curator of the Theatre Collection of the New York Public Library, has been chosen as the author of the guide, Contemporary Drama, and Max Lerner, well-known author and lecturer and New York Post columnist, will write the guide on Man and His Government, a pamphlet on political science.

The pamphlets will be the sixth and seventh in the reading guides series which was made possible by grants from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Three additional guides to follow in the current series will be on: philosophy, twentieth century biology, and cultural anthropology.

The series is available from the Public Affairs Committee, Inc., offices at 381 Park Avenue, South, New York, New York 10016. Prices per title: 60¢ each; subscriptions for the first five guides in the series, \$2.50.

## OF LIBRARIES, LIBRARIANS, AND TRUSTEES

Mrs. Keith Flowers has been elected chairman of the Hartsville Township Memorial Library Board. J. H. Crouch, new president of the Friends of the Library, is an ex-officio member of the board.

West Columbia Woman's Club will sponsor story hours at the R. H. Smith Branch of the Lexington County Library. The first programs were held on November 4 with a 10 a.m. session for preschool children and one at 3:30 for older children.

Mrs. W. L. Norton, chairman, has announced, with regret, the resignation of Frank Guerreri from the Oconee County Library Board because he has moved his residence to Pickens County. Mr. Guerreri promoted the improved lighting and air conditioning of the library and was instrumental in acquiring shelving to double the book capacity of the headquarters library.

On November 11th and 12th Carew Rice cut silhouettes at the Barnwell County Library. Mr. Rice's book, A Selection of Song and Scissors, and those he illustrated Carolina Foods, a cookbook compiled by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Walterboro, and Scenes of the Carolina Low Country were on sale. Mr. Rice made a contribution to the library's air-conditioning fund.



Carrie Gene Ashley, Adult Services Librarian, Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, spoke on how to develop the reading habit to the members of the Barnwell County Home Demonstration Council at their October meeting in the Barnwell County Library. The meeting concluded with a tour of the library conducted by Mrs. Jennings McNab, Barnwell County Librarian, and her assistant, Mrs. W. T. Marshburn. Miss Ashley also talked on Reading Just for Fun at the High School-Student Library Assistants Club at Leavelle McCampbell High School in Graniteville.

The Aiken Business and Professional Women's Club presented a copy of the latest edition of Emily Post's Etiquette to the Aiken County Library.

The Florence County Library's new bookmobile was delivered on December 1. It is a Moroney BF160 with a 2500 volume capacity.

Mr. John Hasty of Florence has been appointed to the County Library Board to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mrs. Mandeville Rogers.

The Lake City Public Library Board has voted to become a part of the Florence County Library and the library will be served as a branch hereafter.

### CARNIVAL OF BOOKS

Some stations have substituted other programs at the time regularly scheduled for the Carnival of Books. Librarians are requested to check with their stations to obtain a schedule of broadcasts.

The following is the order information for books on the January and February programs:

Freeman, Don. Ski Pup. Viking. \$3.37  
Evarts, Hal G. Secret of the Himalayas. Scribner's \$2.97  
Robbins, Ruth. The emperor and the drummer boy. Parnassus. \$3.50  
Sherburne, Zoa. Stranger in the house. Morrow. \$3.25  
Yashima, Taro. The Golden footprints. World. \$2.88  
Annixter, Jane. Windigo. Holiday. \$2.95  
Cunningham, Julia. Macaroon. Pantheon. \$3.29  
Holbrook, Stewart H. Swamp Fox of the Revolution. \$2.28  
Aldis, Dorothy. Is anybody hungry? Putnam's. \$2.68

### MEMORIAL BOOKS

Mr. and Mrs. James McNair have given two memorial books to the Aiken County Library. They are: Alice Lee Humphrey's Angels in Pinafores in memory of Mrs. Doris Lucas Tewkesbury and Complete Book of Home Improvement in memory of Benjamin Tillman.



YOUR PROBLEMS  
by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

When we opened our library last year after the Christmas holidays, we found a most indignant note under the door. The note, with a few well chosen epithets, wanted to know how we expected anyone to get any work done with the library closed all week. This was obviously from a student who needed to work on a term paper or a research project. Our board has always given the staff a week off at Christmas, and for this we have been grateful. It has been the board's assumption (and mine) that people were too busy during the holidays to come to the library. Perhaps we have been wrong. What do you think?

Perplexed --

Dear Perplexed:

You must have a very generous and thoughtful board where the staff is concerned. Most library staffs are happy to have three days at Christmas, and many have only two. Bless your board for being so considerate of the staff, but they should take another look at the situation to be sure they are not putting the public to disadvantage. Few libraries should be closed for more than three consecutive days during the Christmas holidays and then only after giving the public ample notice. Not only are students home from school who want to put in some extra hours on those term papers, but any reader needs to have library facilities available to him at this time.

By all means talk this over with your board. They will probably be happy to go along with whatever you suggest. If they still insist on giving each of you a full week and your staff is large enough to permit, you might consider staggering the time with some taking the week before and some the week after Christmas. If you possibly can, keep that library open at least part of the week. Merry Christmas to you, your staff, and your generous board.

Anne

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT GREENVILLE LIBRARY

The Greenville County Library began the Christmas season with a musical program for children attending the story hour on December 4. The vested Junior Choir of Christ Church sang Advent hymns under the direction of Mrs. Davis Carpenter. After a half hour of music Margaret Mahon, Children's Services Librarian told a story "The Christmas Forest."



CAROLINIANA

- Cassels, Louis. Christian Primer. Doubleday, 1964, \$3.75. (Mr. Cassels, a native of Old Ellenton, is now a reporter and columnist for United Press).
- Graydon, Nell S. Tales of Columbia. R. L. Bryan Co., \$6.50.
- Green, Anne M. Good-by, Gray Lady. Atheneum, \$3.75. (The author, a North Carolinian and Children's Librarian of the Wilmington (N.C.) Library, sets the scene of this ghost-mystery story near the Wateree Swamp.)
- Kilgore, Starnell. Against Tomorrow. Garrett and Massie. \$4.75 (The author, a 13 year old junior high school student, has written an historical novel about Charleston in the 18th century. She did all the research, designed and drew the book jacket and illustrated the volume.)
- Municipal Association of South Carolina. Directory of S. C. Municipal Officials. \$3.50. (Order from the Association, P. O. Box 306, Columbia, S. C.)
- Neuffer, Claude Henry, ed. Names in South Carolina. (The 11th volume of Names in South Carolina is ready for distribution by the Department of English at the University of South Carolina - 65 pages which explain how the state's familiar and obscure place-names came about. Names in South Carolina is "published sporadically" by the USC Department of English. Because of the growth of the publication, the current volume will be the last to be distributed free. Regular subscriptions for South Carolina residents are \$1.25 if paid before January 31, 1965, or \$1.50 thereafter, and \$1.75 out-of-state if paid by January 31 or \$2.00 thereafter. "Patron subscribers" contributing \$5.00 or more will be listed in the next volume.)
- Petit- J. Percival. Freedom's Four Square Miles: A brief and romantic history of the men and forts of the Charleston periphery and how they preserved the American way of life. Distributed by Legerton & Co., 263 King Street, Charleston, \$3.95.
- United Daughters of the Confederacy. Arthur Manigault Chapter. Georgetown, S. C. For Love of a Rebel. \$4.00 plus 15¢ mailing charge plus 10¢ if a replica of Georgetown bank note is desired for a bookmark (sales tax has been paid.) Order from Mrs. W. B. Cook, 402 St. James Street, Georgetown, S. C. (An account of the part Georgetown County played in The War Between the States with articles on Georgetown history and institutions.)

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